



# FAITH IN ACTION

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## Food for Elderly Ladies

**O**n 2nd October, we sent MK350,000 (£148) to provide a meal for a group of elderly ladies in Chinsomba Village following a meeting where ten of them came forward to receive salvation. This was during my trip to Malawi towards the end of October.

We have started a ministry to

these ladies who are being accused of being witches who have killed their children because their children have married and moved away. Being elderly, it is also difficult for them to work in their fields, and they are even being physically abused and occasionally killed.

Meeting with a Group of Elderly Ladies in Chinsomba Village



# Boreholes



Borehole in Mwanabvumbe Village



Borehole in Tsamdoka Village

**O**n 21st, 22nd and 23rd July we sent a total of MK116,952,500 (£49,347) for the construction of ten boreholes. We had to send these funds in three fund transfers as we are only able to transfer up to £20,000 per day.

These boreholes have been located in the following villages, all of which were in areas where people were lacking clean and portable water: Nsusa, Mwanabvumbe, Tsamdoka, Singano, Fatchi, Phokera, Fatima,

Goke, Kalumbi, and Moses villages.

The project was well received and the Village headmen in these areas are very thankful for being assisted with boreholes at a time when they needed water most.

All the boreholes have been built with walls around them as security against animals soiling the area. They have also been built with washing blocks. The whole project was successfully completed.

Borehole in Phokera Village



Borehole in Nsusa Village



# Mikuyu Prison

**O**n 23rd July, we sent a total of MK18,287,050 (£47,716) for constructing one borehole and providing fertilizer, seed, exit clothing and soap for Mikuyu Prison in the Zomba District.

Wesley reported: Firstly, we are very thankful for these funds. The leadership of the prison was so thankful and appreciative because this has really been a great help as the soap will very much aid the personal hygiene of the inmates. The Officer in charge also thanked us for the seed and fertiliser as this will indeed help them to have the much-needed food.

They have a huge problem in feeding the inmates due to budget problems. He further said that many inmates who are released have no clothes to wear when going home. They might have been relying on the prison uniform which upon release is returned

Distributing Fertilizer in Mikuyu Prison



Borehole in Mikuyu Prison

to the prison. So these clothes will really have a positive impact.

On his part the chairman for the inmates was so overjoyed and gave his vote of thanks and asked us to thank our friends in the UK for remembering them. This was indeed a wonderful visit and the joy it also brought to our hearts to see them happy was just overwhelming. On behalf of the Blantyre team, I would like to thank you for your love.

Dan Nkhndwe reported: the borehole was fully completed, and the prison has clean and portable water for the prisoners and even the surrounding communities.

The prison department is very happy and grateful for this provision which was not the case in the past for church organizations to extend their support for a borehole. The project work was very successful.

# Spiritual Resources

On 2nd October and 4th November, we sent a total of MK4,070,000 (£1,738) to provide 20 Bibles, 20 Bible Verse leaflets, 20 notebooks and 20 biros for the leaders attending the conference in October; 20 Bibles and 20 Bible Verse leaflets to each of the three churches which we visited in October; and 50 Bibles, 50 Bible Studies and 50 Bible Verse leaflets for 5 new churches which had been started in the Bangula area.

Following the October fund transfer, Wesley wrote: The pastors were very thankful for the Bibles and Pastor Basiyawu asked us to thank you as he was able to give the second bible to a pastor who needed one. This was the case for several other pastors. They are also still experiencing the fruits of the conference.

Distributing Bible Verse Leaflets  
Pastor Chamveka (left)



Distributing Bibles following  
Fund Transfer in October

They are now able to identify and appreciate the benefits of the spiritual gifts, and this has started taking the burden off them. The Bible verse leaflets continue to bless the church, and many have asked that we print more and share to more areas.

Following the November fund transfer, Wesley wrote: thank you very much for responding to Pastor

Chamveka's request. This has indeed been a blessing to the pastors who were on his heart to receive the spiritual food. He asked the Blantyre team to convey his thanksgiving on behalf of the pastors, as they had sent him to give gratitude on their behalf. Everyone was very happy for these resources which will aid them in furthering the gospel. We are indeed very thankful.

# Trip to Malawi

On 26th August and 2nd October, we sent a total of MK10,598,000 (£4,467) to cover all the costs of a trip to Malawi during October. These costs included accommodation and food for the 20 church leaders, hire of the conference room for four days, transport for the leaders, and the hire of a vehicle together with fuel. The church is lacking a vehicle at the moment and have to use public transport when they visit churches. This would take them much time.

We saw a miracle even before we started: there had been a fuel crisis which would have seriously affected the trip, but I understand that about ten days before I left, Saudi Arabia had provided the country with an enormous amount of fuel on credit – enough to provide fuel in all the garages in Blantyre and other towns,

Leaders attending Conference in Ntchalo



Arriving at Chileka Airport

although not in the rural areas.

I arrived at Chileka Airport on 17th October and received a very warm welcome from Dan, Wesley, Lawrence, Henry, Benson and Julius. I stayed with Rebecca, Lameck's wife, for the first day before we drove down to Ntchalo in the Lower Shire.

We held a four-day conference in Ntchalo and restricted the number of leaders attending to twenty so that

we could have discussions after every session as much of Paul's teaching is very counter Malawi culture. The responses were all very positive and I was able to give everyone a leaflet with my notes in Chichewa.

We had six sessions from Romans 12:1-8 and the whole chapter of 1 Corinthians 12. We looked in detail at the spiritual



gifts and the importance of recognising them and releasing them in their churches, and this would include women. They said that they had read about these gifts but needed someone to explain them. They admitted that they had not encouraged them. They were very grateful for the teaching.

Following the conference, we attended three village church meetings. First, we visited a group of elderly ladies/widows in Chinsomba Village. At the end of the meeting, ten ladies came forward to receive salvation.

The following day, we visited Bangula. We received an especially warm welcome and we all felt there was a warm and loving atmosphere in this church. At the end of the meeting, eight people came forward for salvation. I learned later that Pastor



Dan Nkhandwe praying for the Eight People who came forward for Salvation in Bangula

Chamveka from this church had recently started five more churches.

On Sunday, we visited Maglasi Village. Five village chiefs attended this meeting. I learned later that it had been 42.9°C nearby that day.

The Blantyre leadership team continually commented on what a wonderful trip it had been, and how they felt that things had shifted [positively].

## Medical Treatment

The day following the conference which we held in Ntchalo, we learned that the daughter of Pastor Nthentha—who had attended this conference—had just given birth to a son who had been rushed to Queen Elizabeth hospital in Blantyre with a brain tumour and bowlegs. We immediately provided funds so that Pastor Nthentha could travel up to Blantyre to join them, and I offered

funds to pay for the child to be seen in the private Seventh Day Adventist hospital in Blantyre as the services available in the Queen Elizabeth government hospital are very limited. Upon my return, we sent MK1,743,750 (£758) for this consultation and also for an operation to remove the brain tumour, which was successful. The bowlegs will need to be treated when the child is older.

# Municipal Rubbish Dump and Church in Lilongwe

On 26th August we sent a total of MK3,545,000 (£1,493) to provide 1,000 Praise studies and 30 Bible Verse leaflets for several linked churches in Lilongwe, and 1,000 bars of soap to be distributed in the municipal dump on the outskirts of Lilongwe where about 1,000 people scavenge for items to sell. The FIA church in Malawi have started to work together with this group of churches in the Lilongwe area.

Following their trip to Lilongwe, Wesley wrote: I would like to thank you for providing the funds for us to travel to Lilongwe. This trip was really welcomed by our friends there. We were able to have a wonderful time with these churches. The leaders were very happy and thankful for the Studies. They said that this was the first time their church has received any Christian resources. They said that this would indeed help the churches grow spiritually as the spiritual food nourishes the church. They



Distributing Boxes of Soap in the Municipal Dump in Lilongwe

specifically asked us to thank you for writing these and for providing them. The leaders also welcomed the Bible verse leaflets. These will indeed guide them as they study the word of God and share with the churches.

We also had some time to distribute the soap to the Rubbish dump. The team there was overwhelmed with joy and thanked you for considering their request. This will greatly aid their personal hygiene. The chairman said that he is very happy with the relationship that God has formed between them and the Blantyre team and friends in the UK.

**F**aith in Action supports the ministry of local churches in Africa by:

- Developing personal links and church to church contacts
- Strengthening the work of local pastors
- Supplying Christian resources in local languages
- Ministering in prisons and a municipal rubbish dump
- Ministering to Elderly Women
- Providing resources which will help communities to provide for themselves
- Providing wells and irrigation systems
- Training farmers in rain conservation farming
- Providing a variety of more flood and drought resistant crops
- Supporting orphans

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### Points of Interest:

Since 1987 we have sent the following Relief Consignments to East Africa:

- 133 20ft Container Consignments
- 696 Sewing Machines and 1,786 Sewing Machines sent through other Organizations

Since August 1990 we have sent Finances for the following: (Space does not allow a Full List.)

- 88 Boreholes
- £183,783 for Maize Flour
- £180,399 for 146,368 Bible Studies
- £166,183 for 13 Wind-Pump Irrigation Systems
- £65,649 for 3 x 200-acre Solar Irrigation Systems
- £10,569 for 2 x 35-acre Solar Irrigation Systems
- £136,538 for Masika Maize Seeds
- £132,860 for Goats for Foster Families
- £82,316 for Bibles
- £40,097 for Medical Treatment
- £32,046 for Cassava Cuttings
- £21,362 for 18 Motorbikes
- £21,423 for Fertilizer
- £18,665 for 11,406 for Banquets in Prisons
- £18,639 for Plantain Banana Suckers
- £15,862 for Business Loan Projects
- £15,143 for 17 Businesses for Rubbish Dump Community
- £14,979 for Forestry Projects
- £13,640 for Sorghum Seeds
- £13,204 for 4 15.28m x 7.62m Tents
- £10,629 (£2,207) for Account for Mosquito Nets
- £10,182 for Soya Bean Seeds
- £8,852 for 6,329 meals in 2 Rubbish Dumps
- £8,322 for 1,030 Blankets
- £8,266 for a Grinding Mill
- £6,157 for 46 Eco-Stove Businesses
- £6,070 for Bicycles
- £5,245 for Meals for Elderly Ladies
- £5,077 for Rain-Conservation Farming
- £3,904 for Hospital Ministry
- £2,540 for Mulch and Transport
- £2,382 for 127 Proclaimers
- £1,500 for 12,000 A3 Bible Verse Sheets
- £150 for 210 Bible Verse Leaflets